

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 3, please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the first paragraph which begins on page 1, line 3 and ends on line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a method for monitoring a field device used in automation technology as defined in the preamble of claim 1.

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 6, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 4, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 16, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 4, line 20 and ends on line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This object is achieved by a method which utilizes a control unit which requests, at intervals of time, an individual identifier of the field device and compares this with an identifier stored in the control unit the features given in claim 1. Advantageous further developments of the invention are presented in the dependent claims.

On page 5, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 25, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

On page 6, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 2, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT